

IN THE CLAIMS

1. An integrating document management system comprising:  
connecting parts configured to connect a user interface part to a plurality of data processing parts, and configured to implement common document management operations upon a plurality of databases,  
wherein the connecting parts include respective interfaces that correspond to respective ones of the databases and include common interfaces that correspond to the user interface part.
2. The integrating document management system as claimed in claim 1,  
further comprising:  
the databases,  
wherein the data processing parts are configured to process data of the respective ones of the databases, and  
wherein the user interface part is configured to provide an interface for a user.
3. The integrating document management system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the user interface part comprises:  
a display part configured to display data that concerns the databases; and  
an instructing part configured to allow the user to give processing instructions for data of the databases.

4. The integrating document management system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting parts include a standardized interface configured to communicate with the user interface part.

5. The integrating document management system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user interface part performs connection and disconnection of the connecting parts.

6. The integrating document management system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user interface part obtains information from the connecting parts that indicates whether or not processing instructions are supported or allowed by the respective ones of the databases.

7. The integrating document management system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user interface part uses graphic items that represent data of the databases.

8. The integrating document management system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the user interface part obtains graphic data used to display the graphic items from the connecting parts.

9. An information processing apparatus comprising:

connecting parts configured to connect a user interface part and a plurality of data processing parts, and configured to implement common document management operations upon a plurality of databases,

wherein the connecting parts include respective interfaces that correspond to respective ones of the databases and include common interfaces that correspond to the user interface part.

10. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 9,  
wherein the user interface part is configured to provide an interface for a user,  
and  
wherein the data processing parts are configured to process data of the  
respective ones of the databases.

11. A computer-readable recording medium including programs recorded therein, the programs causing a computer to function as:

means for connecting a means for providing a user interface to a plurality of means for processing data,

wherein the means for connecting includes respective interfaces that correspond to respective ones of a plurality of databases and include common interfaces that correspond to the means for providing a user interface, and

wherein the means for connecting is configured to implement common document management operations upon the databases.

12. The computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 11, the programs causing the computer to further function as:

the means for providing a user interface,

wherein the means for processing data are provided for the respective ones of the databases.

13. The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means for providing a user interface comprises:

means for displaying data that concerns the databases; and

means for instructing that allow the user to give processing instructions for data of the databases.

14. The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means for connecting includes a standardized interface configured to communicate with the means for providing a user interface.

15. The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means for providing a user interface performs connection and disconnection of the means for connecting.

16. The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means for providing a user interface obtains information from the means for connecting that

indicates whether or not processing instructions are supported or allowed by the respective ones of the databases.

17. The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means for providing a user interface uses graphic items that represent data of the databases.

18. The recording medium as claimed in claim 17, wherein the means for providing a user interface obtains graphic data used to display the graphic items from the means for connecting.